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PATENT APPLICATION
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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For: PROCESS FOR MANUFACTURING (U,Pu)O₂ MIXED OXIDE NUCLEAR FUEL
PELLETS FROM NON-FREE-

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-identified Application, please make the
following amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims are amended as follows:

a 1
5. (Amended) The process as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that it furthermore
comprises particle size selection by sieving (32) of the granulated UO₂ before it is used.

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8. (Amended) The process as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that, for said
granulation of the non-free-flowing UO₂, a lubricant is added to it.

a 3
9. (Amended) The process as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that, for said
granulation of the non-free-flowing UO₂, a binder is added to it.

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See Amend H/F
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